

# Ontario Bird Records Committee Report for 2022

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**Western Tanager, 26 April 2022.**  
Photo: Zane A. Shantz  
(see pages 83-84)

## Introduction

This is the 41st annual report of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (hereafter 'OBRC' or 'Committee') of the Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO). The OBRC reviews rare bird reports in Ontario based on documentation submitted by the birding community. Species and subspecies evaluations are based on the Review Lists for Ontario, which can be found on the OFO website ([www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca)). Any new species, subspecies or first breeding records for Ontario are also reviewed. This report deals with the review of 114 records by the OBRC in 2022, of which 101 (89%) were accepted. All reports reviewed by the 2022 Committee will be added to the permanent file kept at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) and in the OBRC digital archives.

The members of the 2022 Committee were Nicole M. Richardson (chair), Alvan D. Buckley, Amanda C. Guercio, Dan J. MacNeal, Michelle A. Martin, Mark D. Read and Adam P. Timpf. Mike V.A. Burrell was the archivist and acted as non-voting secretary for the first part of the term. N. Anthony Kaduck took over as non-voting secretary in October. Mark K. Peck acted as the ROM liaison for the OBRC.

## Changes to the Checklist of Ontario Birds

Two new species, Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*) and Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) were added to the Ontario list. The total Ontario species list stands at 508.

## Changes to the Review Lists

Beginning with the 2014 report (Burrell and Charlton 2015), the OBRC split the province into three review zones (South, Central and Lowlands). See Holden (2014) for more details.

Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*) was added to the Lowlands Review List, bringing the total number of species recorded in this review zone to 332.

No new species were added to the Central Review List, leaving the total number of species recorded in this review zone at 387.

The addition of Marsh Sandpiper and Hepatic Tanager brings the total number of species recorded in the South Review Zone to 499. Beginning in 2023, reports of Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) and Neotropic Cormorant (*Nannopterum brasiliianum*) in the South Review Zone are no longer requested. Reports prior to 2022 are still requested for review.

No changes were made to the subspecies review list.

## Listing of Records

For accepted records and records for which the identification was accepted but origin is questionable, the following information is provided where known: year and date(s) of occurrence, location, number of birds, plumage and sex of each individual, names of contributors and OBRC file number. For accepted records, the total number of records for the province (including 2022 reports) is indicated in parentheses after the species name. All contributors who have provided reports are listed; if a contributor

is also a finder of the bird(s), their name is underlined. Additional finders of the bird(s) are also listed, where known, even if they did not provide documentation for review. Place names in *italics* refer to the county, regional municipality or district in Ontario. Common and scientific names, as well as taxonomy, follow the seventh edition of the Checklist of North American Birds published by the American Ornithologists' Union (1998), along with its annual supplements published in *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, up to the 63rd supplement (Chesser *et al.* 2022) inclusive. Plumage terminology uses the modified Humphrey and Parkes (1959) system following Howell (2010).

All records that were not accepted due to either insufficient evidence or questionable origin are listed separately. Contributors of all “not accepted” records are notified in writing by the Committee. Reasons for the decision are explained, using information provided by voting members on their voting slips.

Any “not accepted” record can be reconsidered by the OBRC if new or additional documentation is provided.

All documentation provided to the OBRC is digitally archived with hard copies archived at the ROM.

Researchers and other interested parties are welcome to examine any of this material by contacting the OBRC archivist: [obrc@ofo.ca](mailto:obrc@ofo.ca).

### Acknowledgements

The OBRC appreciates the efforts of the 103 observers who took the time to submit documentation of rare birds for consideration by the 2022 Committee. We also thank the following people who assisted the Committee in the acquisition of additional data and other material evidence that supplemented the information submitted directly by observers and Committee members, or who provided expert opinions on material evidence submitted: Amar Ayyash, Brandon Holden, Bruce Mactavish and Liam Singh.

OBRC AGM 2022, left to right: Michelle A. Martin, Adam P. Timpf, Amanda C. Guercio, Nicole M. Richardson (Chair), Dan J. MacNeal, N. Anthony Kaduck (Secretary). Attending virtually: Mark D. Read, Alvan D. Buckley. *Photo: Mark Peck*





Figure 1. One of the many Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks that visited Ontario in 2022.  
Dufferin Islands, Niagara, 2 January 2022. Photo: George W. Prieksaitis

## Accepted Records

### Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (26)

2021/22 – one, definitive basic, 20 August 2021–26 January 2022, Niagara Falls, *Niagara* (Kayo J. Roy, Lisa A. Bacon, Luc S. Fazio, Dominik Halas, Frank G. Horvath, Sandra L. Horvath, Marcie L. Jacklin, Kiah R. Jasper, George W. Prieksaitis, found by Sid Wood; 2021-010, 2022-050) – photos on file.

2022 – five, definitive basic, 27 April, Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, *Essex* (Michelle A. Martin, found by Peter Veighey; 2022-054) – photos on file.

- one, definitive basic, 3 May, Owen Sound, *Grey* (Angela D. Nicholson; 2022-041) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 26 May, Lake Travers, *Nipissing* (Quinten F.R. Wiegersma; 2022-040) – photos on file.
- three, definitive basic, 9 June, Harriston, *Wellington* (J. Brett Fried, finder was Jay P. Solanki; 2022-043) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 18 June, Willow Bay, *Niagara* (Philip J. Downey; 2022-071) – photos on file.

- one, definitive basic, 16–29 August, Whitby, *Durham* (Christopher J. Escott, Samuel Rockwood, finder was Sam Collins; 2022-045) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 12 September, Courtice, *Durham* (David B. Worthington, finder was “Linda V”; 2022-044) – photos on file.

### **Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* (8)**

- 2022 – one, definitive basic, 1 April, Canaan, *Prescott & Russell* (Vincent Fyson; 2022-010) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 6–10 November, Pointe-Fortune, *Prescott & Russell* (Kiah R. Jasper, finder in Ontario was Jacques Bouvier; 2022-083) – photos on file.

### **Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis* (12)**

- 2022 – one, definitive basic, 10 March, Peterborough, *Peterborough* (Beverly J. Welch, Greg A.J. Conley; 2022-004) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 10–19 April, Carlsbad Springs, *Ottawa* (Susan L. Nagy, Kiah R. Jasper; 2022-017) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 7 October, West Lake, *Prince Edward* (Scott Gibson, finder was Taylor Huff; 2022-003) – photos on file.

**Figure 2.** Pink-footed Goose at Pointe-Fortune, *Prescott and Russell*, on 10 November 2022.  
Photo: Mark J. Patry





Figure 3. Tufted Duck at Gananoque, *Leeds and Grenville*, on 26 March 2022.  
Photo: Richard S. Lott

**Trumpeter Swan** *Cygnus buccinator* Lowlands only (1)

2022 – one, definitive basic, 30 June, Langfeld Lake, *Kenora*  
(Ezra J. Campanelli; 2022-014) – photos on file.

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera* (21)

2019 – two, definitive alternate, 20 May 2019, Bronte, *Halton*  
(Mark W. Jennings; 2022-058) – photos on file.

**“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca crecca/nimia* (13)

2022 – one, alternate, male, 16 April, Hillman Marsh Conservation Area,  
*Essex* (Blake A. Mann; 2022-015) – photos on file.

**Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula* (37)

2021 – one, definitive basic, male, 31 December 2021, Cataraqui Bay,  
*Frontenac* (Mark D. Read, finder was Rick Beaudon; 2022-094)  
– photos on file.

2022 – one, definitive basic, male, 6–7 January, Pickering, *Durham*  
(Kiah R. Jasper, George W. Prieksaitis, finders were Matthew C. Tobey  
and Luke H. Berg; 2022-089) – photos on file.

- one, definitive alternate, male, 21–26 March, *Gananoque, Leeds & Grenville* (Erwin D. Batalla, N. Anthony Kaduck; 2022-081)
  - photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate, male, 29 April, *Point Pelee NP, Essex* (Blake A. Mann, finder was Michel Gauthier; 2022-105) – photos on file.

**Common Eider *Somateria mollissima* South and Central only (28)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, female, 14 June, *False Ducks Island, Prince Edward* (Eric D. Caley, finder was Catherine J. Caley; 2022-102)
 

- photos on file.

**Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* (28)**

2022 – one, formative, 3 November, *Point Edward, Lambton* (Deryl D. Nethercott; 2022-002) – photos on file.

– one, formative, 6–11 November, *Oshawa, Durham* (Kiah R. Jasper, finders were Jeremy Logan and Tim Logan; 2022-090) – photos on file.

**Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* (46)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, 12 April, *Komoka, Middlesex* (Kiah R. Jasper, finder was Angelique Mori; 2022-021) – photos on file.

– six, two definitive basic plus four juveniles, 16 April–9 August, *Strathroy, Middlesex* (Luke J. Raso, finder was Susan L. Nagy; 2022-053) – photos on file.

– one, definitive basic, 6–11 May, *St. Williams, Norfolk* (Lisa A. Bacon, finder was Eric N. Giles; 2022-022) – photos on file.

– six, unknown, 6 May, *Rondeau Provincial Park, Chatham-Kent* (Blake A. Mann and Stephen R. Charbonneau; 2022-066).

– two, definitive basic, 11–12 May, *Blenheim Sewage Lagoons, Chatham-Kent* (Chris J. Risley, P. Allen Woodliffe, Blake A. Mann; 2022-059) – photos on file.

**Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* (1)**

2022 – one, first alternate, 30 April–May, *Thedford, Lambton* (James M. Holdsworth, Ezra J. Campanelli, Christopher J. Escott, George W. Prieksaitis, Kayo J. Roy; 2022-060) – photos on file.

**Dovekie *Alle alle* (7)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, 10 December, *Toronto, Toronto* (Kiah R. Jasper, Ezra J. Campanelli, Susan L. Nagy, John W. Mills, Dominik Halas, Markus K. Legzdins, George W. Prieksaitis, finder was Brian Stahls; 022-072) – photos on file.



Figure 4. Black-necked Stilt at Blenheim Sewage Lagoons, *Chatham-Kent*, on 11 May 2022.  
Photo: P. Allen Woodliffe

Figure 5. Dovekie at Ashbridge's Bay, *Toronto*, on 10 December 2022. Photo: Markus K. Legzdins



### **Razorbill *Alca torda* (32)**

2022 – two, definitive basic and first basic, 24 October, Deschênes Rapids Lookout, *Ottawa* (Michelle A. Martin, W. Carter Dorscht, Michael Tate, finders in Ontario were Martha Burchat and Colin Gaskell; 2022-009) – photos on file.

– two, definitive basic, 4–30 December, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (Alessandra E. Wilcox, Kiah R. Jasper, William K.R. Konze, Luke J. Raso; 2022-097) – photos on file.

### **Atlantic Puffin *Fratercula arctica* (4)**

2022 – one, unknown, 24 October, Deschênes Rapids Lookout, *Ottawa* (Michelle A. Martin, Dan Simpson, finders were Michelle A. Martin, Paul A. Martin, Martha Burchat, Colin Gaskell, Michael Tate, Aaron Hywarren, Chantal Periard, Eric Baldo, Janet McCullough, Zachary Deutsch, Dan Simpson; 2022-008) – photos on file.

### **Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* (11)**

2022 – one, first basic, 28 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Ezra J. Campanelli; 2022-038) – photos on file.

### **Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* (11)**

2022 – one, first formative, 7 May, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (Kiah R. Jasper, finder was Ryan Griffiths; 2022-037) – photos on file.

### **Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* (32)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, 27–31 January, St. Catharine's, *Niagara* (Ezra J. Campanelli, Nicole Richardson and James Kennerley, finder was Ryan Griffiths; 2022-062) – photos on file.

### **Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens* (4)**

2022 – one, second basic, 6–7 January, Hamilton, *Hamilton* (Alvan D. Buckley; 2022-031) – photos on file.

– one, second basic, 7–14 January, Brantford, *Brant* (Kiah R. Jasper, finder was Sarah E. Lamond; 2022-032) – photos on file.

Both records are believed to be the same bird found by Justin Peter in Barrie in November 2021 (Burrell *et al.* 2022), based on details of plumage.

### **Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* Central and Lowlands only (5)**

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 7 May, Wilson's Creek, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2022-023) – photos on file.



Figure 6. Slaty-backed Gull at St. Catharines, *Niagara*, on 31 January 2022.

*Photo: James A. Kennerley*

- one, definitive basic, 27 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane*  
(Nathan Hood, William K.R. Konze, finders were William K.R. Konze  
and Luke H. Berg; 2022-075) – photos on file.

#### **Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* (3)**

2021 – one, definitive alternate, 25 May 2021, Point Pelee NP, *Essex*  
(Keith J. Burke; 2022-048).

#### **Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* (8)**

2022 – one, unknown, 9 October, Thames River, *Chatham-Kent*  
(George W. Prieksaitis, finder was Donny Moore; 2022-055)  
– photos on file.

#### **Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus* (58)**

2022 – one, juvenal, 6–8 November, Fifty Point Conservation Area, *Niagara*  
(Kiah H. Jasper, Ezra J. Campanelli, finder was Daniel Gornall;  
2022-078) – photos on file.



Figure 7. The long-staying Neotropic Cormorant at Cataraqui Bay, *Frontenac*, on 30 July 2022.  
Photo: Paul R. O'Toole

#### **Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianus* (38)**

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 20–23 May, Prince Edward Point, *Prince Edward* (Paul B. Jones; 2022-077) – photos on file.

– one, definitive basic, 7–9 July, Amherstburg, *Essex* (Kiah R. Jasper, finders were Kory Renaud and Paul Pratt; 2022-049) – photos, video on file.

- one, definitive alternate, 28 July–14 September, Cataraqui Bay, *Frontenac* (Jenny M. Newton, Paul R. O'Toole; 2022-029)
  - photos on file.
- one, juvenile, 30 July, Mallorytown Landing, *Leeds & Grenville* (Mark J. Patry; 2022-065) – photos on file.
- one, undesignated, 20 August–1 October, Toronto, *Toronto* (George W. Prieksaitis, Christopher J. Escott, finder was Patrick Scanlon; 2022-057) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 19–22 September, Hamilton, *Hamilton* (Richard D. Poort; 2022-085) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 7–11 October, Port Alma, *Chatham-Kent* (Luke J. Raso, finder was Brandon Holden; 2022-096)
  - photos on file.

The seven records in 2022 represent the largest number of records in a single year for this increasing species, surpassing last year's five. Eight of the ten previous years have seen multiple records (Holden 2014; Burrell and Charlton 2015, 2016; Burrell *et al.* 2017, 2018; Riley 2020, 2021; Burrell *et al.* 2022) and it has been recorded annually since the second record in 2011 (Cranford 2012).

#### **Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* (14)**

2022/23 – one, second basic, 21 December 2022–8 March 2023, Hamilton, *Hamilton* (Alvan D. Buckley, Luc S. Fazio, Kiah R. Jasper, George W. Prieksaitis, Markus K. Legzdins; 2022-113)
 

- photos on file.

Figure 8. A distant Great Cormorant at *Hamilton* on 7 January 2022. Photo: Markus K. Legzdins





Figure 9. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Colonel Samuel Smith Park, *Toronto*, on 15 September 2022. Photo: Dominik Halas

#### **Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* (93)**

1971 – one, definitive basic, 22 May 1971, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Michael J. Austin; 2022-007).  
2022 – one, definitive alternate, 17 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Kiah R. Jasper, Ezra J. Campanelli; 2022-067).  
– one, juvenal, 21–25 July, Valens, *Hamilton* (Rowan D. Keunen, Cody W. Bassindale, Luke J. Raso, George W. Prieksaitis; 2022-052)  
– photos on file.

#### **Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* (47)**

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 19 May, Dyer's Bay, *Bruce* (Zane A. Shantz; 2022-111) – photos on file.  
– one, definitive alternate, 6–7 June, Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* (Jackie M. Sharp, Kiah R. Jasper, George W. Prieksaitis; 2022-063)  
– photos on file.

### **Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Central and Lowland only (33)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, 14 October, Smooth Rock Falls, *Cochrane*  
(Angela C. Williams; 2022-019) – photos on file.

- one, definitive basic, 25 October, Pays Plat, *Thunder Bay*  
(Brian D. Ratcliff, found by Kim Gallerno; 2022-026) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 4 November, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay*  
(Calvin E. Knorr; 2022-020) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 7–10 November, Genier, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Filion, found by Kevin Clutterbuck; 2022-016) – photos on file.

### **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* (70)**

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 23 May, Niagara Falls, *Niagara*  
(Missy Acker; 2022-106) – photos on file.

- one, definitive alternate, 4 July–12 August, Burlington, *Halton*  
(Lori A. Whibbs, George W. Prieksaitis, Luc S. Fazio, Alvan D. Buckley, Kiah R. Jasper; 2022-092) – photos on file.
- one, first basic, 1 September–6 October, Toronto, *Toronto*  
(Dominik Halas, found by Marsha Duggan; 2022-095) – photos on file.

### **White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* (38)**

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 4–7 May, Eireau, *Chatham-Kent*  
(P. Allen Woodliffe, Frank G. Horvath, Blake A. Mann, George W. Prieksaitis, found by Jeff Tunstal; 2022-103) – photos on file.

Figure 10. White-faced Ibis at Eireau  
Marsh Trail, *Chatham-Kent*, on 4 May 2022.  
Photo: N. Anthony Kaduck





Figure 11. Top. Tropical Kingbird at Richmond, Ottawa, on 2 October 2022.  
Photo: Christopher B. Allen



Tropical Kingbird at Pays Plat First Nations Reserve, Thunder Bay, on 26 October 2022. Photo: Brian D. Ratcliff

Left. Tropical Kingbird at Brock Park and Mill Park, Windsor, Essex, on 11 October 2022.  
Photo: Garry T. Sadler

**Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni***

**Central and Lowlands only after 2017 (78)**

2003 – one, definitive basic, 5 October 2003, Hawk Cliff, *Elgin*  
(Blake A. Mann, Barry Cherriere, Keith Sealey; 2022-080).

**Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* (6)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, 2 October, Ottawa, *Ottawa*  
(Christopher B. Allen; 2022-107) – photos on file.  
– one, first alternate, 10 October–14 November, Windsor, *Essex*  
(Markus K. Legzdins, Kiah R. Jasper, George W. Prieksaitis, Garry T. Sadler, Luke J. Raso, Lucas J. Foerster, found by Eddy Beaubien; 2022-086) – photos on file.  
– one, definitive basic, 25–28 October, Pays Plat, *Thunder Bay*  
(Brian D. Ratcliff; 2022-098) – photos on file.

**Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans* (7)**

2022 – one, alternate, 24 May, Anjigami Lake, *Algoma*  
(Derek L. Neufeld; 2022-006) – photos on file.

Figure 12. Cassin's Kingbird at Anjigami Lake, *Algoma*, on 25 May 2022. Photo: Derek L. Neufeld





Figure 13. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Presqu'ile Point, *Northumberland*, on 28 April 2022.  
Photo: Andrea L. Kingsley

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus* (85)**

2022 – one, alternate, 28–29 April, Presqu'ile Point, *Northumberland*

(Andrea L. Kingsley, Mark J. Patry, Ezra J. Campanelli, Kiah R. Jasper, Colleen Reilly, found by Fred Helleiner; 2022-069) – photos on file.

**Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* (37)**

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 1 June, French River, *Sudbury*

(William K.R. Konze; 2022-070) – photos on file.

– one, definitive basic, 3 October, Amethyst Harbour, *Thunder Bay*

(Steve G. Cambly; 2022-087) – photos on file.

**Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* (24)**

2022 – one, alternate, 12 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex*

(Rowan D. Keunen, found by Han Zevenhuizen; 2022-035)

– photos on file.

**White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis* Lowlands only (1)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, 14 November, Moosonee, *Cochrane*  
(Ezra J. Campanelli, found by Dan Maitland, Diane Ryder;  
2022-091) – photos on file.

**Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides* (54)**

2021/22 – one, formative female, 19 December 2021–23 April 2022,  
Guelph, *Wellington* (Markus K. Legzdins, Frank G. Horvath,  
Sandra L. Horvath, found by Mike Lepage, Julie MacDonald,  
Debbie Hernandez, Meera Navaratnam, Patrick Tuck,  
Chris Sprague; 2021-140) – photos on file.

2022 – one, definitive basic, 1 January–23 April, Guelph, *Wellington*  
(Kiah R. Jasper, George W. Prieksaitis, found by Mike Lepage;  
2022-056) – photos on file.

– one, formative, 23 November–5 December, Wallace Point,  
*Peterborough* (Chris J. Risley, found by Luke H. Berg; 2022-100)  
– photos on file.

**Figure 14. Mountain Bluebird near Guelph, *Wellington*, on 9 January 2022.**

*Photo: Markus K. Legzdins*



Figure 15. Lark Bunting on Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington*, on 17 April 2022.  
Photo: Ezra J. Campanelli



### **Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys* (38)**

2022 – one, first alternate, 13–17 April, Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington* (R. Ken F. Edwards, Ezra J. Campanelli, Kiah R. Jasper, Skyler P. Freeman; 2022-046) – photos on file.

### **Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* (34)**

2022 – one, definitive alternative, 16–17 May, Old Cut, *Norfolk* (J. Brett Fried, Ezra J. Campanelli, George W. Prieksaitis, Kiah R. Jasper; 2022-074) – photos on file.  
– one, definitive, 20–22 May, Echo Bay, *Algoma* (Brianna L. Boudreau, W. Carter Dorscht, Erroll T.N. Caldwell, Trent Massey, Andrea L. Kingsley, Sherri Lynn Minardi; 2022-028) – photos on file.

### **Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla* (19)**

2021/22 – one, first basic, 21 November 2021–22 April 2022, Wrigley Corners, *Waterloo* (Todd R. Hagedorn, Frank G. Horvath, Sandra L. Horvath, found by Georg Hentsch; 2022-011) – photos on file.

### **Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus* (38)**

2021/22 – one, definitive basic, 6 December 2021–22 February 2022, Jackfish Lake, *Thunder Bay* (Brian D. Ratcliff, Ezra J. Campanelli, Kiah R. Jasper, found by Shelley L. Norris; 2022-084) – photos on file.  
2022/23 – one, definitive basic, 18 November 2022–14 January 2023, Thessalon, *Algoma* (Tony V. Ward, W. Carter Dorscht; 2022-109) – photos on file.

**Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius* Central and Lowlands only (18)**

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 22–24 May, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (James R.D. Barber; 2022-104) – photos on file.  
– one, alternate, 31 May, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Sheldon E. McGregor; 2022-079) – photos on file.

**Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii* (14)**

2022 – one, first formative, 24 November, Dryden, *Kenora* (Penny L. Ratushniak; 2022-018) – photos on file.

**Swainson's Warbler *Limnothlypis swainsonii* (13)**

2022 – one, alternate, 30 April, Long Point, *Norfolk* (Brendan P. Boyd; 2022-088) – photos on file.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) *Setophaga coronata auduboni* (26)**

2022 – one, first basic, 17 October, Ward's Island, *Toronto* (Owen Strickland; 2022-034) – photos on file.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens* (26)**

2021/22 – one, formative female, 30 November 2021–9 January 2022, Pickering (Frenchman's Bay), *Durham* (Kiah R. Jasper, George W. Prieksaitis, Andrea L. Kingsley, re-found in 2022 by Jason Milsom; 2022-013) – photos on file.

Figure 16. Spotted Towhee at Thessalon, *Algoma*, on 20 November 2022.

Photo: W. Carter Dorscht





Figure 17. Townsend's Warbler at Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent*, on 25 October 2022.  
Photo: Andrea L. Kingsley

### Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi* (13)

2022 – one, definitive basic, 16–27 October, Rondeau Park, *Chatham-Kent*  
(Ezra J. Campanelli, George W. Prieksaitis, Kiah R. Jasper, Andrea L. Kingsley, found by Anne McArthur, Richard B. McArthur; 2022-082) – photos on file.  
– one, first basic (or possibly definitive basic female), 29 October, Grimsby, *Niagara* (Rob John Buchanan; 2022-099) – photos on file.

### Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava* (1)

2022 – one, first alternate, female, 14–15 May, Bronte, *Halton*  
(Markus K. Legzdins, Benjamin G. Oldfield, Dominik Halas, Luc S. Fazio, Kayo J. Roy, Christopher J. Escott, Ina Legzdins, Iain D.M. Fleming, A. Geoffrey Carpenter, found by Markus K. Legzdins and Benjamin G. Oldfield; 2022-025)  
– photos on file.



Figure 18. Ontario's first Hepatic Tanager on 14 May 2022, Oakville, *Halton*. Photo: Markus K. Legzdins



Figure 19. Summer Tanager at Thunder Cape Bird Observatory, *Thunder Bay*, on 25 May 2022.  
Photo: Rinchen Boardman

#### Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Central and Lowlands only (36)

2022 – one, definitive alternate, male, 25 May, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Sheldon E. McGregor; 2022-112) – photos on file.

#### Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* (65)

2022 – one, first alternate, 23–28 April, Parker Landing, *Bruce* (Kiah R. Jasper, Zane A. Shantz, George W. Prieksaitis, found by Sean Hennessey; 2022-068) – photos on file.  
– one, definitive alternate, 20 May, Silver Harbour, *Thunder Bay* (Steve G. Cambly; 2022-027) – photos on file.  
– one, unknown, 29 May, Toronto, *Toronto* (Kai D. Sheffield; 2022-114) – video, audio on file.



Figure 20. Western Tanager at Parker Landing, *Bruce*, on 26 April 2022. Photo: Zane A. Shantz

– one, definitive alternate, female, 3 June, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Sheldon E. McGregor, found by Sheldon E. McGregor, Rinchen Boardman; 2022-110) – photos on file.

#### **Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea* Lowlands only (2)**

2022 – one, definitive basic, male, 25–30 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (William K.R. Konze, Ezra J. Campanelli, Nathan F.P. Hood, found by William K.R. Konze; 2022-093) – photos on file.

#### **Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* (57)**

2021/22 – one, definitive basic, 15 December 2021–15 January 2022, Quadeville, *Renfrew* (Kenneth Hooles, found by Judie A. Kuno; 2022-076) – photos on file.

2022 – one, definitive alternate, 15–16 May, Blind River, *Algoma* (Larry Kirtley; 2022-047) – photos on file.

– one, definitive basic, 1 June, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Sheldon E. McGregor, found by Jennie Maxwell, Kelly Cossette; 2022-108) – photos on file.

## Not Accepted Records

### Identification Accepted, Origin Questionable

Birds in this category are considered by the OBRC to be correctly identified; however, their origin is questionable. Over time, some instances of birds in this category involve birds that have a high certainty of previous captive origin, whereas some records placed in this category have caused considerable debate among past voting members. If new evidence suggesting wild origin becomes available, such reports may be reconsidered by the OBRC.

2019 – **Barn Owl** (*Tyto alba*), one, 28 October 2019, Kingston, (Kenny Foster; 2022-036) – photos on file.

### Insufficient Evidence

The documentation received for the following reports was generally found not to be detailed enough to eliminate similar species unequivocally or simply lacking enough detail to properly describe the individual. In many cases, OBRC members felt that the species being described was likely correctly identified by the observer, but the report received for voting was simply too limited for acceptance, based on the established purposes of the OBRC. These circumstances sometimes arise from unavoidable situations such as poor viewing conditions or brevity of observation.

2017 – **Greater White-fronted Goose** (Tule) (*Anser albifrons elgasi*), one, 22 April 2017, Tayside, *Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry* (2022-033) – photos on file.

2021 – **California Gull** (*Larus californicus*), one, 26 November 2021, Sault-Ste-Marie, *Algoma* (2022-005) – photos on file.

This was a very thorough and well-researched report. Ultimately the Committee considered that they could not conclusively rule out the highly variable Herring Gull.

2022 – **Band-tailed Pigeon** (*Patagioenas fasciata*), one, 11 October, Hawk Cliff, *Elgin* (2022-001) sketch on file.

– **Zone-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo albonotatus*), one, 7 July, North Algoma Wilberforce, *Renfrew* (2022-012) – photos on file.

– **Bar-headed Goose** (*Anser indicus*), one, 18 May, Port Darlington, *Durham* (2022-024).

– **Grace's Warbler** (*Setophaga graciae*), one, 16 May, Lake Erie, *Essex* (2022-030).

– **Ladder-backed Woodpecker** (*Dryobates scalaris*), one, 26 April, Selim, *Thunder Bay* (2022-042).

– **Neotropic Cormorant** (*Nannopterum brasilianum*), one, 8 May, Port Burwell, *Elgin* (2022-061) – photos on file.

- **Willet** (*Tringa semipalmata*), one, 26 October, Netitishi Point, Cochrane (2022-064) – photo on file.
- **Ash-throated Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus cinerascens*), two, 28 May, Straffordville, Elgin (2022-073).
- **Plumbeous Vireo** (*Vireo plumbeus*), one, 10 May, Wheatley, Essex (2022-101) – photos on file.

## Corrections/Updates to Previous OBRC Reports

**2021 Report** (*Ontario Birds* 40:58–88).

**Under Spotted Towhee** (2021-147) change year of sighting to 2021.

**Under Golden-crowned Sparrow** (2021-042) change the first date of the record to “19 November”.

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